

P-TA Awards Mrs. Deck Honorary Life Membership

Mrs. Floyd Deck was honored with an honorary life membership by the 259th Place School P-TA at the last meeting of the association.

The award was made a month early due to the fact that Mrs. Deck was leaving for her new home in Santa Maria. The honoree, who was a Brownie leader, has always been active in P-TA since her triplets first enrolled at school. She was highly praised by the association for her ready willingness and the many good jobs she had done.

Also honored at the meeting was the A6 graduating class who were introduced by Dennis Fell. American Legion medals were awarded to Mary Jean Cook and Jerry Croskey. Certificates were given to Tony Perachini and James Mark. Fashions and handicrafts were displayed by the P-TA mothers. The fashions of women's and children's clothes were modeled by Linda Holloway, Sherrel Orseth, Kathy Kepley, Gayle and Michael Eipper, Mmes. L. J. Parsens, E. G. Jackson Jr., Wayne Katila, Floyd Deck, W. N. Kepley Jr., C. L. Wilson, Glenn Eipper, R. P. Boderman and C. R. Chitwood. Handicraft displays were by Mmes. C. B. Bunch, C. E. Aspttle, C. R. Chitwood, R. M. Trevathen, A. O. Boderman and Ann Canady.



BETROTHAL TOLD: Miss Shirley Kathleen Benjestorf will marry Bruce Arthur Young in August, it was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Benjestorf of 2103 Arlington avenue, Torrance. The bride-elect will graduate from Torrance High School in June, and her fiance is with the Navy stationed in San Diego.

Mrs. Steigh Hosts Lomita Scout Moms

The home of Mrs. Les Steigh, 2219 West 254th street, was the scene last week of busy activity as Lomita Scout Mothers gathered for an all-day meeting to complete a bedspread to be awarded at the March fund-raising dinner.

Mrs. Steigh was also named chairman of a project to send birthday gifts to Boy Scouts who have entered military service.

Mothers present for the sewing bee and luncheon included Mrs. Steigh, Mmes. John Quardras, Ray Russell, Ted Elliot, Frank Mickunas, F. L. Markley, Ray Russell, Glenn Keith, Edwin Abbott, Richard Chown, and George Erickson.

More were Mmes. Al Gilberg, Loren Halverson, William Tregarthen, and Mark Weiss. New members present were Mmes. Marcell Monge, Philip Hand, Beakley Simmons, and Anthony Alonge.

This past Tuesday, February 8, the group was slated to meet again in the home of Mrs. Dick Spaan.

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Top Honors Won By Torrance Solist

The distinction of top vocalist in the Los Angeles Philharmonic music competition has come to Joan George, of 2454 Torrance blvd. Joan, now married, is the daughter of the Luther Mumfords of the Torrance reality firm, and attended grammar and high school here.

The young soprano is a member of the South Bay Civic Light Opera Association, and has recently won acclaim for solo performances with the Santa Monica Musical Arts Association and the Long Beach Philharmonic Orchestra.

While attending Torrance High School Joan studied music and drama privately for several years. Upon her graduation from high school, she attended El Camino College, transferring to Chapman College as the winner of their scholarship entitling her to be soloist for the choir.

In addition to her frequent appearances as soloist in leading roles with the South Bay chorale, Joan also is soloist for the First Christian Church here.

Her recent accomplishment in Los Angeles would indicate that Joan is nearing her goal of a career in light opera.



LYRIC SOPRANO... Joan George of Torrance recently won first place in the Los Angeles Philharmonic music competition, being chosen top vocalist in a field of fifteen competing for the honors.

JayCettes' February Project Americanism

The February project, on "Americanism," and a luncheon and fashion show at Bullock's Westwood, were main topics at the Tuesday, February 8, board meeting of the Torrance JayCettes at the home of Mrs. Howard (Helen) Percy, president.

A new JayCettes member is Mrs. Al (Martha) Kline, whose husband is Dr. Kline, local optometrist, Mrs. Kline joined at the last general meeting.

The luncheon at Bullock's is slated for Saturday, February 19, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. The girls plan a shopping spree following the display of spring fashions.

Mrs. Jack (Juanita) Smith is chairman of the February project to be based on "Americanism" and which the JayCettes plan to bring into the Torrance schools.

Several JayCettes members are looking forward to attending the State board meeting of

the Junior Chamber of Commerce to be held at San Jose this week end, February 11 through 13. Included in the local group planning to attend are Dale and Lorraine Stanton, Charles and Jean Herren, Fred and Gracey Hansen, and Marvin Goetsch, Bob Curry and Phil Lisman.

Girl Scouts Go Skating At Iceland

Girls of Scout Troop 576 enjoyed the sport of ice skating at Iceland in Paramount recently. They began circling the ice at 7 p.m., and left for home at 10 p.m.

The girls included Margaret Sorenson, Judy Thomas, Diana Wolters, Sandra Knight, Patricia Gusterson, Elaine Collins, Susan Vogel, Barbara Huggins, Charlene Alarcon, Caroline Hussey, Loral Lee Phillips, and Julie Rogers.

Guests joining the girls were Margaret Aarup, Larry Huggins, Billy Sorenson, Donna Dunklin, and Nancy Wolters.

Parents who helped transport the group were Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wolters, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knight, Mrs. H. Rogers, Mrs. Joe Huggins, Mrs. H. Benton, Mrs. A. Hector, Mrs. A. G. Alarcon, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Aarup and Mrs. Art Elde.

The troop is under the leadership of Mesdames Robert Sorenson and Aarup and is sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary V. F. W.

P-TA Plans Kidnap Breakfast

A kidnap breakfast was planned at the recent board meeting of the Walteria P-TA, the breakfast slated for 8:30 a.m. on February 23. Opening their homes for the occasion will be Mesdames Glenn Hardcastle and Harold Wrigley.

Winners of the recent paper drive were announced, and named were C. Nestlerode, Frank Demyan, and Edward Sheets for the upper grades, and Miss Mary Barrett, Mrs. E. Searles, and Miss Norma Di-Maria for the lower grades.

Another scheduled event will be a potluck dinner to be served the evening of March 10 preceding the association meeting. It was also announced that an open council will be held February 16 from 9 to 9:30 at the YWCA in Torrance.

Alta Searles Names March Wedding Date

A March 5 date at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Wilmington has been set by Miss Alta Searles, daughter of the R. J. Searles of 25025 Cypress street, for her wedding to Sheldon Madison.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of the Wayne Madisons of 1729 West 254th street, and recently completed two years duty in the Army. He is now employed in his father's cabinet shop in Wilmington.

Miss Searles and her fiance are both graduates of Narbonne High School and Harbor J. C. She is employed by Douglas in Torrance.

Box Social

Members of the Debs Y-teen group of the Torrance YWCA entertained their dads at a box social in the rumpus room of the Glenn Pearmon home, 2122 Martina, Torrance.

Boy Scouts Hold Court Of Awards

Torrance Boy Scout Troop No. 241 recently conducted their first Court of Awards.

Scoutmaster Bob Wilson presented badges of advancement and merit to the following: Senior patrol leader—Robert Wilson; scribe—Charles Moffitt; patrol leader—Albert Bundrum; assistant patrol leader—Butch Cowan.

Receiving Tenderfoot badges were Allen Brisack, Eric Beltran, Kenneth Mitchell, Alfred Brand and Roy Sherwood. Second class badges went to Danny Kirks, Bill Roeder, Doug Stevens, Wally Islieb and Butch Cowan.

Merit badges for first aid to Bill Holland and Ned Morang; for home repairs to Charles Moffitt and Jim Paget. Cooking badge, Bill Holland. Reading badges, Danny Kirks and Charles Moffitt. For photography, to Ned Morang, Joe Paget and Joe Reddington, and for rabbit raising, to Danny Kirks.

Danny Kirks was also presented with a sleeping bag cover as a special award for selling the most tickets in the troop and in the entire district for the Scout-O-Rama held last fall at the Shrine auditorium.

After the ceremony, a general meeting was conducted by Committee Chairman D. B. Kirks, at which time parents of the new boys were welcomed and invited to lend their assistance in promoting a full program of events for the boys during the coming year.

A tentative program, headed by Mrs. Bob Wilson, was also formulated for the reorganization of the mother's club. A committee was formed, consisting of Mesdames Wilson, Islieb, Brisack, Sherwood, Paget, Beltran, Roeder, Kirks and Morang to assist in this program. Doughnuts and coffee were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

HONOREES NAMED AT HALLEDALE

Past presidents and past honorary life membership award recipients will be guests of honor today, February 10, as the Halldale Avenue P-TA holds its Founders' Day meeting at 3:15 in the school's music room. Highlight of the day will be the presentation of another honorary life membership by the association.

Past presidents scheduled to be present include Mmes. H. T. Seaman, Edward Bernardin, and C. C. DeVore, who are also past-recipients of life membership awards. Other former award recipients to be present are Mmes. Amanda Bonwell, principal; Lillian Morris, M. Corgdarripe, E. R. Martin, J. Blackmon, Lillian Smith, and Mr. Earl Comstock.

The Founders' Day committee is headed by Mrs. Wm. L. Wilson, assisted by Mmes. E. R. Alves, Ray Rhoads, W. L. Harvey, and M. Landon.

Seven Girls Invested In Brownies

Brownie Troop 380 invested seven new members recently at Seaside School. They received their pins from their leaders, Mesdames Ray Walker and A. G. Andrews.

The new scouts who looked in the water and repeated their promise were Carol Walker, Carol Brady, Mary Ryan, Jack Lombard, Rosemary McClune, Tina Minten and, Carol Minten.

Mothers of the new Brownies were invited guests and were served refreshments at the end of the ceremony.

First Court of Honor Held By Scout Troop

The first Court of Honor was held recently by Boy Scout Troop 728, sponsored by Fern-Greenwood P-TA.

Highlighting the evening, was the presentation of "second class" by John K. Eardley, neighborhood commissioner to the following scouts:

Larry Arrowsmith, Richard Augenstein, Billy Barton, Charles Bowers, Richard Connett, Mike Derouin, Pat Derouin, Danny Fulton, Robert Jones, Charles Litaker, Earl Miller, James Moody, Ronald Pennington, Kenneth Smith, and Leroy Woods.

Chuck Litaker, scribe and master of ceremonies, introduced honored guests: Hal Laudeman, area commissioner; John K. Eardley, neighborhood commissioner; and Kenneth Leatherman, Harbor District training chairman. Leatherman gave a short talk on "What Scouting Means," stating that "In later years, the Scout uniform is worn on the inside—not the outside."

Ben Jones, troop committee chairman, introduced Mrs. Murphy, Fern-Greenwood P-TA

Antiques Keynoted At Juniors Meeting

The subject of antiques and how they fit in the modern home highlighted last Wednesday's meeting of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, as members heard Sidney Kasden, owner of La Tienda Antiques in Walteria Village, give an expert's advice on the subject.

During the business meeting nominating ballots for new club officers were distributed, and a nominating committee of three was chosen.

The scrap books of Christmas cards and the bean bags members have made for the children at the Harlan Shoemaker School were turned in. This project was under the direction of Mrs. Robert Leech, philanthropy chairman.

It was also announced that the Torrance Juniors have been invited as guests of the Manhattan Beach Dolphins on February 17, at the district panel made up of district board officers of the Junior California Federated Woman's Clubs.

Council P-TA Sets Founders Day Plans

Preparations for the Torrance Council P-TA's February 16 Founders' Day meeting to be held at the YWCA, were formulated at a special meeting held at the home of the council's second vice-president, Mrs. Duane Sherwood. Also present at this gathering were Mmes. W. A. Wright, president; E. Ingrum, A. L. MacKenzie and H. Cortez.

The public is invited to attend this meeting at which time election of 1955-56 officers will be held along with presentations of honorary life memberships.

In honoring the founders of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Alice McClellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst, the council also honors their own past presidents and uses that occasion to familiarize members with the rich heritage of Parent-Teacher, emphasizing in particular the underlying principles and objectives.

The prestige of the Parent-Teacher movement has grown steadily through the years and each member realizes this prestige and the great power Parent-Teacher has in the life of the nation along with the great responsibility involved and the importance of each local unit's participation.

Rangers Name New Chiefs

New chiefs were named recently by the Little Arrow Tribe of the Woodcraft Rangers.

Tommy Shepherd was named as the new first chief, while John Rugg is second chief. Tally chief is Richard Bugg; wampum chief, Doug Morris; Indian runner, Gary Payne; and assistant Indian runner is Wayne Marshall.

Outgoing chiefs were Wayne Marshall, first chief; Doug Morris, second chief; Larry Robertson, tally chief; Gary Payne, wampum chief; Tommy Shepherd, Indian runner; and John Bugg, assistant Indian runner.

Events planned for the South District Woodcraft Rangers include an overnight trip to Stanley Ranch for the boys, Grand Council for boys and girls, trip by train to San Diego Zoo, and visit to the movie, "Cinerama."

Strum Named P-TA Safety Chairman

John Strum was ratified as safety chairman of the North Torrance Elementary P-TA when the executive board met last week at the home of Mrs. Duane Sherwood, 17204 Ardath avenue.

Strum will replace Joe Brandon, who resigned due to his transfer to Perry School. Mrs. R. D. Turner read a quarterly report received from the Dental Health Association, giving information on that organization, and Mrs. Robert Payne, finance and budget chairman, reported a fund raising event to be held March 26, proceeds of which will go to the Dental Health Association.

A "Parent Education Series" will begin February 28, continuing through March 21. It was announced by Mrs. Charles Colston, parents education chairman. "This series will entail the making of arithmetic independent material aids to be used by the students in the classroom," Mrs. Colston stated. Mrs. Margaret Denmarsh, the principal of the school, will be the instructor.

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